

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please **CANCEL** claims 16 and 24 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein;

Please **AMEND** claims 1, 10-12, 21 and 22; and

Please **ADD** claims 25-28 as follows.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A flat mail sleeve packaging system having opposite facing open ends and being adapted to stack product with bound and non bound edges in a constrained homogenous mass, comprising:

a first constraining wall having a first constraining surface;

a second constraining wall having a second constraining surface, the second constraining wall being positioned with respect to the first constraining wall at a substantially perpendicular angle thereto;

~~a portion~~ an end of the first constraining wall being folded over to form an end cap that is adapted to protect an end product of the stack and add rigidity to the flat mail sleeve packaging system; and

the end cap extending only partially across a width of the second constraining wall so as to define a partially opened end of one of the opposite facing open ends,

wherein the first and second constraining walls are adapted for having the product placed therebetween with the bound and non bound edges of the product all facing in a same direction without collapsing.

2. (Previously Presented) The flat mail sleeve packaging system of claim 1, further comprising a first binding member extending from a first edge of the second constraining wall to the second edge of the second constraining wall.

3. (Original) The flat mail sleeve packaging system of claim 2, further comprising a second binding member, substantially perpendicular to the first binding member, used to provide additional stability to a stack of the product.

4. (Original) The flat mail sleeve packaging system of claim 1, wherein the first and second constraining walls form a corner therebetween which is adapted to conform to a corner of the product.

5. (Previously Presented) The flat mail sleeve packaging system of claim 1, wherein a width of the first and second constraining walls is adapted to be at least equal to a bound edge and the non bound edge of the product stacked thereon.

6. (Withdrawn) The flat mail sleeve packaging system of claim 1, further comprising a third constraining wall positioned parallel to the first constraining wall and forming a corner with the second constraining wall.

7. (Withdrawn) The flat mail sleeve packaging system of claim 6, wherein the second constraining wall is a central constraining wall and the first, second and third constraining walls form a "U" shape.

Claim 8. (Canceled).

9. (Withdrawn) The flat mail sleeve packaging system of claim 7, wherein the first, second and third constraining walls each have a width at least equal to a bound edge and the non bound edge of the product stacked thereon.

10. (Currently Amended) The flat mail sleeve packaging system of claim 7, further comprising another endcap extending from an end of one of the first constraining wall, second constraining wall and the third constraining wall.

11. (Currently Amended) The flat mail sleeve packaging system of claim 1, further comprising another endcap extending from an end of one of the first constraining wall and second constraining wall.

12. (Currently Amended) A flat mail sleeve packaging system having opposite facing open ends and being adapted to stack product with bound and non bound edges in a constrained homogenous mass, comprising:

- a first constraining wall having a first constraining surface, a length and a width;
- a second constraining wall having a second constraining surface, a length and a width, the second constraining wall being positioned with respect to the first constraining wall at a substantially perpendicular angle thereto to form a corner therebetween which is adapted to conform to a corner of the product;

- a portion of the first constraining wall being folded over to form an end cap that is adapted to protect an end product of the stack and add rigidity to the flat mail sleeve packaging system;

- the end cap having a width that corresponds to the width of the first constraining wall and a length extending only partially across a width of the second constraining wall so as to define a partially opened end of one of the opposite facing open ends; and

- a first binding member ~~extending between~~ traversing the length of the second constraining wall,

- wherein each width of the first and second constraining walls is at last equal to the bound edge and the non bound edge of the product stacked thereon, and the first and second constraining walls are adapted for having the product placed therebetween with the bound edges of the product all facing in a same direction.

13. (Original) The flat mail sleeve packaging system of claim 12, further comprising a second binding member, substantially perpendicular to the first binding member, used to provide additional stability to a stack of the product.

14. (Previously Presented) The flat mail sleeve packaging system of claim 12, wherein the width of the first and second constraining walls is adapted to be larger than the bound edge and the non bound edge of the product stacked thereon.

15. (Withdrawn) The flat mail sleeve packaging system of claim 12, further comprising a third constraining wall positioned parallel to the first constraining wall and forming a corner with the second constraining wall to thereby form a substantially "U" shape which is capable of accommodating the product therebetween.

Claim 16. (Canceled).

17. (Previously Presented) The flat mail sleeve packaging system of claim 15, wherein the third constraining wall has a width adapted to be at least equal to the bound edge and the non bound edge of the product stacked thereon.

Claims 18-20 (Canceled).

21. (Currently Amended) A flat mail sleeve packaging system having opposite facing open ends and being adapted to stack product with bound and non bound edges in a constrained homogenous mass, comprising:

an upper extending constraining wall having a first constraining surface and an overall length defined by corners of folded over first and second ends of the upper extending constraining wall;

a bottom constraining wall having a second constraining surface, the bottom constraining wall being positioned with respect to the upper extending constraining wall at a substantially perpendicular angle thereto;

~~end portions the folded over first and second ends~~ of the upper extending constraining wall ~~being folded over to form~~ forming end caps that are adapted to protect end products of the stack and add rigidity to the flat mail sleeve packaging system;

one of the end caps extending only partially across a width of the second constraining wall so as to define a partially opened end of one of the opposite facing open ends;

a first binding member extending along a length of the bottom constraining wall from one edge of the bottom constraining wall to another edge of the bottom constraining wall; and

a second binding member, substantially perpendicular to the first binding member, used to provide additional stability to the stack of the product,

wherein the upper extending and bottom constraining walls are adapted for having the product placed therebetween with the bound and non bound edges of the product all facing in a same direction without collapsing.

22. (Currently Amended) The flat mail sleeve packaging system of claim 21, wherein the overall length is greater than a width of the upper extending constraining wall.

Claims 23-24 (Canceled).

25. (New) The flat mail sleeve packaging system of claim 1, wherein the end cap has an overall length and a width which is greater than the overall length, whereby the overall length of the end cap is defined between a free end of the end cap and a corner formed by the end cap and the first constraining wall.

26. (New) The flat mail sleeve packaging system of claim 1, wherein the width of the end cap is greater than a length of the end cap.

27. (New) The flat mail sleeve packaging system of claim 1, wherein the width of the end cap corresponds to a width of the first constraining wall.

28. (New) The flat mail sleeve packaging system of claim 12, wherein the width of the end cap is greater than the length of the end cap.